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T. A. BURDICK CALLED

The Passing of an Able Newspaper Man—Died at the Home of His Son in Alfred Thursday.

It becomes the sad duty of the News this week to chronicle the passing of one of its own family, in the person of T. A. Burdick. Mr. Burdick became a writer to this paper on the day of his birth, some eighteen years ago, Norris & Tucker Publishers. He was an employee of the office until failing sight made it necessary for him to abandon the mechanical part of his profession some six or seven years ago. But his articles have been followed with much interest by our readers, since that time. The last one, "Politics and Politicians," being finished in today's paper. Concerning the last two chapters Mr. Burdick wrote the editor what was undoubtedly his last letter, and because it shows far better than we can describe the true character of the man we publish it as it was sent us.

"Dear Harvey: I am sick in bed, very sick, at True's house. Can't get a move on me. Have a lot of stuff—enough for two issues—locked up at home, key at Dan Langworthy's. Will try to get to you in time for this week if you want. Don't know as we shall ever meet again. Pretty serious sickness, growing worse, too, but it don't worry me. Think I shall hand in a fairly clean proof sheet. I can read and write, but I can't eat, and am in great pain.

Good by, my friend,
Gus.
Truman Augustus Burdick died at the home of his son Truman, in Alfred, last Thursday night, Dec. 22, 1904, of pneumonia after an illness of only a few days.

He was born in Newport, R. I., Feb. 28, 1839, being one of the large family of Truman Jonathan and Elizabeth Babcock Greenman Burdick. He graduated from the High School; then

in the office of the Newport Mercury, he learned the "art preservative of all arts," to which, to the end of his life, he was devotedly attached. On Dec. 12, 1857 he was joined in marriage to Millie, daughter of Clark Green and Betsy Lanphear Burdick of Alfred. To whom were born four children, two of whom died in infancy. In the homes of the two living children ten grandchildren have come, all of whom are living, and three of whom have homes of their own, in one of which is a great-grandchild. The son, Truman G. and the daughter Agnes, Mrs. D. L. Langworthy, have most tenderly cared for their father in his last illness.

Since Mr. Burdick came to this country in his young manhood his home has been here. For many years he has lived at his cottage on the Andover road until he was left lonely about two years ago by the death of his wife. He has been a well-known man. He was formerly an active member of the Alleganian Lyceum of Alfred University, his speeches being prized as full of humor and enthusiasm. He was well-versed in literature, and his taste is attested by a book of selections copied by his own hand from different authors. He has written for many publications, and his writings have been characterized by originality and vim. He was a man of much public spirit, a loyal worker for the cause he espoused. He has been for many years collector for the town in which he resided.

His literary work in western New York commenced in 1868 when he was assistant editor on the Andover Advertiser. For a number of years he was with the Sabbath Recorder as compositor, during which time he was also the Alleganian editor of the Alfred Student. He then assumed control of the Hornellsville Herald during the Garfield campaign. In 1881 and 1882 he was on the staff of the Wellsville Democrat as reporter, solicitor and collector, and for a time

city editor of the Owego Blade. Upon the establishment of the ANDOVER NEWS eighteen years ago, he became connected with it, which connection he retained until the end, one article being finished upon his death bed.

He was a man of strong friendships and deep religious aspirations. He had a profound faith in God and in his doings on earth, and one who knew him well says that his life was in accord with that belief. He was an active member of the Andover Seventh Day Baptist church of which he was a constituent member and served as clerk for many years. The Christian fellowship of those he loved was very dear to him. When reminded that his children were Christians, and their homes Christian homes, he said with great animation, "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory, they are." He quoted the words of T. S. Arthur, who said that he "had never printed anything which, dying, he would wish to have erased." "What a record! I could not reach that but I have tried to. I have striven to be perfect." He said that he was nearing the end, "going to the other side," but he had "a haven in Jesus Christ, the righteous." When the twelfth chapter of Romans and the fifteenth chapter of John were read to him his voice joined in many of the familiar verses which were learned by him in school over half a century ago.

Services were conducted at the home of Truman Burdick, Dec. 24, at 1:30, by Rev. L. C. Randolph, assisted by Rev. Stephen Burdick. Beautiful songs of faith were touchingly sung by three of his grandchildren. The body was laid at rest in East Valley. "Then steal away, give little warning. Choose thine own time; Say not good night, but, in some brighter chime, bid me good morning.

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A Tribute.

Oh! broken is the golden bowl! The spirit flows forever! Let the bell toll! A saintly soul floats on the Stygian River.

These words by Poe came to my mind upon hearing of the passing of my old friend, T. A. Burdick, on the morning of Dec. 23rd. I say my friend, but not only mine, he was the friend of all. A man blessed with a fountain of affection for his fellows, be they high or low, rich or poor, that never run dry; that grew with his years, widening with his increasing experiences and never growing less to those long removed either by distance or death. Blessed with a retentive memory there seemed to be nothing done or said by those he counted friends too small to be stored up and often recalled with pleasure.

In his passing Allegany County and particularly Alfred and Andover have lost a bright and interesting chronicler of events, a good citizen, a true friend and a genial companion, and the printing fraternity a conscientious member.

—He has set his last "stick." The last line is "justified." The "galley" proved and the proof sheet has gone to the great proof reader for final revision, and there are none who knew him intimately who can doubt that he has handed in a "clean proof."

R. S.

Big Fire at Wayland—Cement Works Destroyed.

On Sunday afternoon the Wayland Cement Company's plant was totally destroyed by fire. The loss will reach \$200,000.00 and is partially covered by insurance.

This was one of the largest industries in Steuben county and will undoubtedly be re-built.

ANOTHER GOOD WELL?

Warren Company Has One in Heseltine Field.

The oil well on the Forsyth farm north of this village was drilled in Monday, and twenty feet of sand found. On account of a scarcity of water it has been difficult to drill the well in a number of weeks. It is expected that it will be shot some time tomorrow and those interested are looking for something good. The well is located the farthest west of any in the Heseltine farm.

Messrs. Fred Martman and Frank E. Cook of Warren, who are members

of the company operating the leases are here watching developments.—Whitesville News.

New Industry for Canisteo.

Canisteo is to have a silk factory. The citizens of that village have raised \$8,000 of the required \$11,000. The entire amount of \$11,000, is simply a loan on the part of the subscribers, and is to be paid back in five years, when the factory building will become the property of the company. This is the plan on which the Rockwell & Rockwell silk factory was established in Hornellsville and which has proven a great success.

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